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Jessica Alexander
talks to Metro on Friday.
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Not just in it to win it



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It's not all about making it into the legislature for the Nova Scotia Green Party.

The party has never had one of the 51 seats in the province's legislature, but when speaking with Metro as part of our series of leader interviews ahead of the May 30 election, deputy leader Jessica Alexander said that's not exactly the party's goal.

"We are training people. We are training people to be campaigners. We are training people to build a sustainable movement. So we're actually not just about winning a seat or building a party, we're looking to be part of a global movement," Alexander said. "There's way more layers, for us, than just where the X is going to go on May 30."

That said, Alexander believes strongly in electoral reform.

"First-past-the-post, to us, is just the most deadly system," she said. "We feel that even with the amount of votes that we've had, we would have, under proportional representation, at least one or two seats."

In 2013, the Green Party won 0.85 per cent of the popular vote, which wouldn't have translated to a seat. In this race, the party is polling between three and four per cent, which would mean one or two seats.



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COLE HARBOUR

Students to raise money to buy a service dog for vet with PTSD



Cody McEachern
For Metro | Halifax

For some, high school is a time for self-development and growth, but for a group of Cole Harbour students, their time in high school is being used to give back.

Kaitlyn Jobe and Quinn Marnitz, along with three other Cole Harbour High School students, are holding a fundraising event to raise money to purchase a service dog for a veteran suffering from PTSD.

As part of the school's IB program, the group of students are required to complete a Creativity, Action and Service (CAS) project during their final years in high school.

Jobe, Marnitz and their group were struggling to find an idea for a project, but Jobe later approached the group with an idea from an unlikely place.

"I got the idea when I was scrolling through Facebook one night," said Jobe.

"I saw an article about a man who was in the military and suffered from PTSD, and



Kaitlyn Jobe, left, and Quinn Marnitz are helping to raise money to buy a service dog for a veteran who suffers from post-traumatic stress disorder. NICK HUBLEY/FOR METRO

he had a service dog which really helped him. I also knew a few people who had service dogs and saw the bonds they created, so I thought it would be nice to do that for someone else."

To help raise the \$5,000 needed to obtain, train and pair a service dog to a veteran in need, the group is holding a benefit night at Finbar's Irish



Graduating is something we all obviously want to do, but if we can help somebody that much during the course of it, it would be amazing. Quinn Marnitz

Pub on June 5.

The event will run from 5-9 p.m., and 15 per cent of the proceeds from food and drink

purchases will go towards the price of a service dog.

They are also trying to collect gift cards from local busi-

nesses for a gift card tree to raffle off at the event.

Being from a military family, Jobe has seen the effects of PTSD, so when she brought the idea to the group, they jumped on the opportunity.

"It is really important that veterans be given this resource," said Marnitz.

"We were talking to the

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people from Paws Fur Thought, they showed us how much service dogs have changed their lives. We were thinking if we could do that for somebody else, it would be fantastic."

To help source and train a service dog, the group is working with Paws Fur Thought, an organization that specializes in obtaining and training service dogs for veterans and first responders.

"I think we are doing it to give people an insight," said Marnitz.

"Sometimes when people think about someone with PTSD, they think they are mentally crippled. While they do have a condition, they are still people, they still enjoy life."

"They just need to be given the opportunity to be reminded of that. They just need that support to give life their all."



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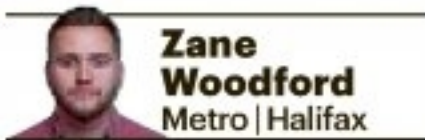


METRO TALKS: Election leaders

Nova Scotia Votes

Focus on health of people, planet

Metro sat down with Green Party deputy leader Jessica Alexander to discuss some big issues of the campaign as part of a series leading up to the May 30 provincial election



Zane Woodford
Metro | Halifax

Why do you think the Green Party has never held a seat in Nova Scotia?

I think Nova Scotians like certainty. I think they like what's familiar. I think in lots of ways they need that. The economy here is more challenging than in other places, and challenging economies make risk more difficult. Where it's untested and you like what you know, and you like individuals that you're familiar with, we don't always like people that come from away, and that's all normal.

We're OK with that. We're fine to function within that kind of community ... This is what we like, so we can't be surprised when it's necessarily also the challenge.

The Green Party is running 32 candidates in this election, out of 51 ridings. Why aren't you fielding more candidates? We needed to repair some of our party machinery after a near collapse last year, where the party was really struggling with whether it could, or even needed to, survive. So we had to ask some really difficult questions.

Did we fulfil the mandate we had when we started this party? Did we get where we wanted to go? And that was going to be the conditions under which we agreed, all of us, that we would indeed need to fold the party: We accomplished our purpose and enough of our values had been adopted by other parties, perhaps.

And then we looked at what's going on in the province, and opening a coal mine in Cape Breton, and Alton Gas is happening, and there's still really bad pollution in Harrietsfield, and in Pictou. You know what I mean? We're not there.

We just really said, "You know what, let's pick it up, give it a bath, turn it around, and put this machine back to work for us."

We have been attracting some very amazing candidates, but it takes time for people to trust the machinery that's been put in place, and we understood that.

We knew that going in, and actually, 32 is more than we thought we might have. So we're relatively pleased with that.... Last election I think we ran 16.

I think people know where you stand on green issues, but what would you do as a government to achieve the kind of change you advocate for?



Jessica Alexander says her party would put a focus on preventive health and get people up and moving. They would also address pollution issues in the province. NICK HUBLEY/METRO

We would take action on carbon emissions of course, and that would be done with a fee and dividend plan, and that is consistent with Green parties in other places as well ...

We absolutely need to end our reliance on coal for power generation in this

province.... We really want to focus on solar, because it's the least intervention, the least disruptive of natural systems.

What would you do to improve health care in the Nova Scotia?

We would prioritize preventive health. We would prioritize physical activity. As they say, "Sitting is the new smoking," and we need to work with communities to get people more active, more health-conscious.

We are focusing on food security, in terms of creating local markets. Nova Scotia has a very poor situation with food insecurity, and so we're focusing on ways that we can improve local agri-

"We needed to repair some of our party machinery after a near collapse last year."

have built as an education system.

We think that the union-employer combat is really toxic, and it's really dangerous for children, that kind of combative scenario. However, teachers have been taken advantage of.

I was really supportive when they were doing work-to-rule, and I said, "You know what, my kid is having prom this year, and if there's no prom then that's the way that needs to be because you can't be taking advantage of people the way that's been done." So we would repeal Bill 75.

What is your vision for downtown Halifax?

I like density development because it gets people out of their cars. I don't always agree with every Green person on that because not everybody likes a lot of skyscrapers, and we do acknowledge it needs to be done wisely.

But where you can build healthy, walkable communities, where people don't need a vehicle to get to their job, to get to the grocery store, the bank, the library, everything is in the same place.... That's my personal vision.

The interview has been edited for clarity and length.



A view of downtown Halifax during construction of the Nova Centre last year. Alexander says she likes density development: "It gets people out of their cars." JEFF HARPER/METRO FILE

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5 fun facts about Jessica Alexander

Favourite food

Tie between Thai and sushi

When's the last time you took the bus?

I went home from work, actually.

Favourite movie

Shawshank Redemption

Favourite band/singer

Pink Floyd

What's your drink of choice after a long day?

Keith's in a bottle, no glass



There appears to be a consensus that health is the top issue of the campaign. CONTRIBUTED

'There are not enough doctors'

HOSPITALS

Health care is now province's top voting issue

For Janet Glazebrook, having to beg a doctor to test her sister for hip fractures after waiting hours in a crowded emergency room helped determine her vote in Nova Scotia's May 30 election.

"It (health care) is completely compromised. There are not enough doctors," the Halifax resident says.

Similar stories around the province are causing some worries for the incumbent party in the province's two-week-old campaign, say political observers.

David Johnson, a political scientist at Cape Breton University, said Stephen McNeil's government is paying a price for failing to keep 2013 elec-

tion promises, such as ensuring all citizens have access to family physicians and addressing overcrowding and long wait times.

"It's one thing to say things are getting better and it's a policy priority, it's another thing to see the lived experience of people dealing with health care," he said in an interview.



It is where the Liberals are most vulnerable.

Jeff MacLeod, a political scientist at Mount Saint Vincent University

The political scientist said protests and outbursts at events in the campaign's first week undermined the party's core message that it has been

making tough choices but is poised to improve the system if re-elected to a second term.

When McNeil announced he'd spend \$78 million over the next four years on collaborative clinics and would hire 50 more doctors a year, a frustrated 68-year-old retiree arrived at the event to vent his frustration over his wife's two-year wait for a family doctor.

More than 500 doctors and citizens rallied in North Sydney last Sunday over a wide range of health-care issues in the Cape Breton area.

Just prior to the campaign, reports shed light on the story of Kim D'Arcy, who waited with her 68-year-old husband for almost seven hours in a Halifax emergency-room corridor as he lay dying from pancreatic cancer.

The Liberals say the problems are being addressed.

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CAMPAIGN DIARY | PARTY PROMISES

Liberals propose review, pause on school closures

Premier Stephen McNeil says a proposed 24 per cent stipend increase approved by all but one school board while cutting classroom resources sends the wrong signal.

McNeil says if his government is re-elected on May 30 he'll launch a review of school board administration to look for savings.

The Liberals say they'll freeze school closures while reviewing whether board decisions are in line with the province's commitments to classroom conditions.

McNeil says he wants to make sure schools have the space to put a tighter rein on class sizes in junior and senior high schools, provide universal pre-primary care and add 100 new teachers.

NDP pledge \$2M to help sexual assault victims

NDP leader Gary Burrill pledged at Dalhousie University on Saturday to spend \$1 million to double the number of sexual assault therapists in the province. He says an NDP government would also add \$1 million in funding for organizations that provide sexual assault services and women's centres.

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LOWER SACKVILLE

Rider does wheelies in front of police



Philip Croucher
Metro | Halifax

Talk about defying authority.

Police in Lower Sackville say they are looking for the driver of a motorcycle who did several wheelies in front of a RCMP cruiser. The incident happened at 7:10 p.m. Wednesday on Sackville Drive.

Police say a motorcycle was doing about 90 km/h in the 50 km/h zone, when the officer tried pulling over the vehicle.

"The motorcycle slowed

INFORMATION

Police are now trying to locate the driver and are asking anyone with information to contact police or Crime Stoppers.

down, then sped up, doing several wheelies in front of the police vehicle, and speeding off," a RCMP statement said. "This happened a second time, where the motorcycle slowed down for the police vehicle, then abruptly sped off."

MARIJUANA

Drone, excavator used in major grow-op bust

Two people are facing drug charges in a major grow-op bust after a police search of 22 acres in Nova Scotia with ATV's, dogs, an excavator and drone yielded about 110 pounds of marijuana.

On Wednesday at 8 p.m., Lunenburg District RCMP officers searched a property on Wilbur Hill Road in Martin's River. Two people in a home on the property were arrested without incident for drug offences.

Police searched the 22-acre property over the past three days with members from the RCMP Tactical Troop and Police Dog Services, according to a police release.

Due to the large search area, police said ATVs and a Remotely Piloted Aircraft System (also known as a drone) were used. Investigators also brought in an excavator to search for evidence that may have been buried on the property. METRO



Halifax DIGEST

Spike coming to Hal-Con

Actor James Marsters, perhaps best known for his role as punk-goth vampire Spike in Buffy the Vampire Slayer and its spin-off show Angel, will appear during Hal-Con.

Hal-Con tickets and passes go on sale Thursday and are available online at hal-con.com where there's also a full list of 2017 guests. METRO

Man charged with stunting

A 27-year-old man is facing a stunting charge after his vehicle was clocked going 164 km/h in a 100 km/h zone on a stretch of Highway 103 near Martin's River just before noon on Friday.

His license was also suspended for seven days, and his vehicle was seized. METRO



Ellie Black, shown here at the 2015 PanAm Games in Toronto, is back in competitive action. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Black glad to be back and on the podium

FIG WORLD CHALLENGE

Gymnast nabs three silvers in return to competition

Halifax gymnast Ellie Black captured three silver medals at the FIG World Challenge Cup in her first competition since the Rio Olympics Games. The Halifax native placed

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Halifax's Jeremy Bartholomeusz qualified for the vault final and finished in eighth place.

second on the beam, floor and uneven bars. Black narrowly missed a medal with her vault routine, finishing .300 points off the podium in fourth place. "It's nice to be back with

"I'm happy with the performances that we had."

Ellie Black

some of my Canadian teammates," Black said.

"I'm happy with the performances that we had, and we can continue to build from here."

Rose Woo of Brossard, Que., also qualified for the uneven bars, beam and vault finals, finishing in sixth, seventh and eighth place, respectively.

Rene Cournoyer of Repentigny, Que., advanced to the parallel bars and rings final in the men's competition. Cournoyer scored 13.700 points in the parallel bars final and finished just off the podium in fourth place while placing fifth in the rings final.

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New Brunswick high on legalization

MARIJUANA

But other provinces fret over work still to be done

Provinces have been protesting the large volume of work and heavy costs they say the Trudeau government has piled on them in its rush to legalize recreational cannabis across Canada by next year.

So far, however, the small province of New Brunswick has been taking the high road.

Unlike other members of the federation, New Brunswick isn't pressing for federal compensation to cover the bills of pot legalization, nor is it in a particular scramble to draw up the plans, the province's health minister said.

Provinces have been busy

since the federal government tabled legislation last month to legalize and regulate recreational marijuana use, with a primary aim of keeping weed out of the hands of youth and criminals. Ottawa hopes to make it happen by July 2018.

"We didn't just wait for the federal legislation and then start — we started doing our homework and our due diligence well before, anticipating what the federal legislation was going to

look like," New Brunswick Health Minister Victor Boudreau said in an interview.

"There's no question if the federal government is willing to help with some of the up-front costs — I'm sure we wouldn't say no to that. But I'm not necessarily saying that would be necessary just yet, either."

New Brunswick's enthusiasm is connected to the fact the province views pot legalization as a future driver for its struggling

economy. Premier Brian Gallant has been trying to position New Brunswick to ensure it gets a big percentage of Canada's eventual regulated-pot industry, which he predicts will generate "significant" growth.

Some provinces, however, aren't expecting meaningful windfalls — if any at all — once startup costs are factored in. They've also expressed concern about what they see as a hurried course set by Ottawa

toward legalization.

Quebec Public Health Minister Lucie Charlebois warns that meeting the federal timeline will be a challenge as provinces, territories and municipalities race to develop complex pot-related rules, programs and strategies within their own jurisdictions. Setting guidelines related to the minimum legal age, retail sales, public health, education and security are among the wide range of needs. THE CANADIAN PRESS

SCIENCE

Fort Mac dinosaur is 'truly exceptional'



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The nodosaur had been so well kept that pieces of its skin, its armour, and stomach content are preserved.

"It's truly exceptional," Hen-



The find is the best-preserved armoured dinosaur in the world. COURTESY GOVERNMENT OF ALBERTA

derson said, noting the fossil is three-dimensional, a rare treat because most specimens are usually flattened.

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Cyberattack havoc may grow

SECURITY

Warning to update systems as people return to work

An unprecedented "ransomware" cyberattack that has already hit tens of thousands of victims in 150 countries could wreak greater havoc as more malicious variations appear and people return to their desks Monday and power up computers at the start of the workweek.

Officials and experts on Sunday urged organizations and companies to update their operating systems immediately to ensure they aren't vulnerable to a second, more powerful version of the software — or to future versions that can't be stopped.

The cyberattack paralyzed computers that run Britain's hospital network, Germany's



The warning screen from the ransomware attack.

MARK SCHIEFELBEIN/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

national railway and scores of other companies and government agencies worldwide.

The attack, already believed to be the biggest online extortion scheme ever recorded, is an "escalating threat" after hitting 200,000 victims across the world since Friday, according to Rob Wainwright, the head of Euro-pol, Europe's policing agency.

"The numbers are still going up," Wainwright said. "We've seen that the slowdown of the

infection rate over Friday night, after a temporary fix around it, has now been overcome by a second variation the criminals have released."

Researchers discovered at least two variants of the rapidly replicating worm Sunday and one did not include the so-called kill switch that allowed them to interrupt its spread Friday by diverting it to a dead end on the Internet.

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U.S. democracy is 'under assault'

American democracy is "under assault" on separate fronts from President Donald Trump and Russia, the former U.S. intelligence chief warned Sunday, expressing dismay over the abrupt firing of FBI director James Comey amid a probe into Moscow's meddling in U.S. elections and possible ties with the Trump campaign.

As Trump works to fast-track Comey's successor, lawmakers from both parties urged him to

steer clear of any politicians for the job and say he must "clean up the mess that he mostly created."

"I think, in many ways, our institutions are under assault, both externally — and that's the big news here, is the Russian interference in our election system," said James Clapper, the former director of national intelligence. "I think as well our institutions are under assault internally."

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James Clapper ASSOCIATED PRESS



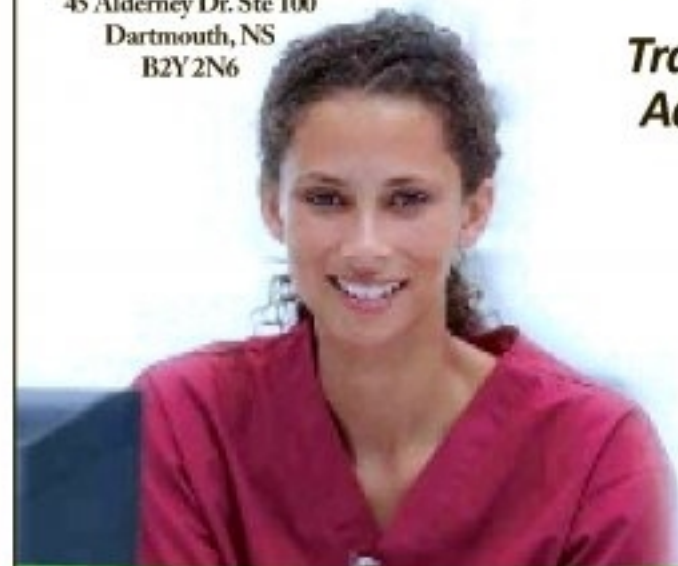
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Dear Ellen,

I was driving my car the other night when a bike came out of nowhere and I nearly collided with it. The cyclist swore at me and rode off. I'm sure he was very upset, but I don't think his behaviour was acceptable, especially since he had no bike light, and he was dressed entirely in dark clothing, and was completely invisible. Am I right to be offended by his "rude" behaviour?

A Responsible Driver

Dear Responsible Driver,

When it comes to feeling offended, there is no right or wrong. It's how you act that matters. In the situation you describe, how the cyclist acted was both rude and dangerous.

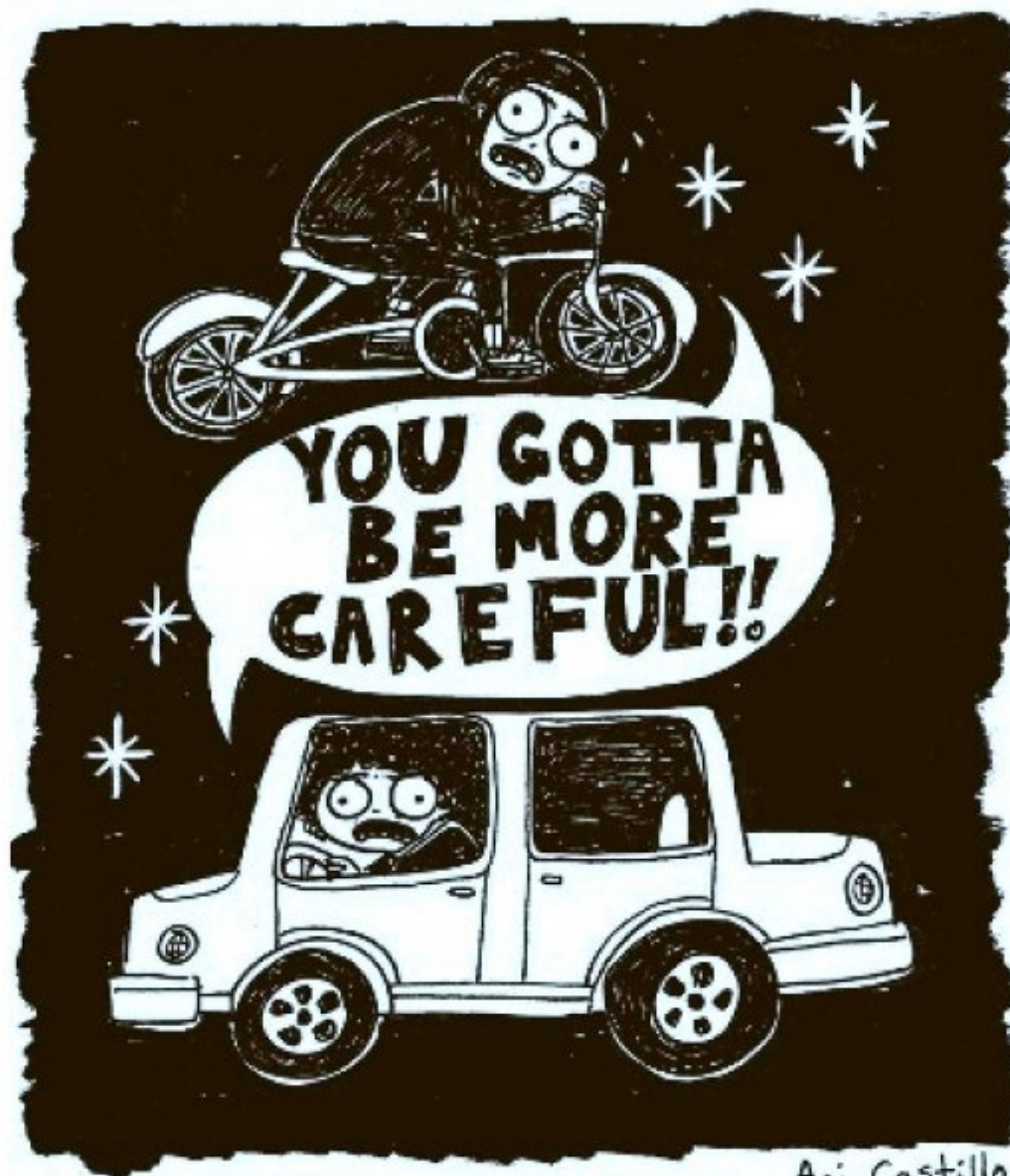
I sometimes drive a car and often ride a bike in the city, so I've seen both sides in the road wars between the two factions. As a cyclist, I've been hit by cars twice, run off the road, doored, plus the usual quota of terrifying near misses. I've pedalled madly after bad drivers for blocks in order to knock on their car window and politely but firmly chastise them (no swearing) for cutting me off or suddenly, scarily blasting their horn at me for no reason.

As a driver, I've also seen the kind of bike behaviour that gives all of us cyclists a bad name — weaving in and

Yes, cars are bigger and can kill you. That doesn't mean you get to treat their drivers with utter disrespect.

THE QUESTION

Are cyclists entitled to treat drivers rudely?



Ani Castillo

out of traffic, riding on the sidewalk, hogging an entire lane when there's no need, failing to signal before turning or coming to a sudden stop, cutting off other cyclists or startling them by passing on the inside. One of the worst offences is riding a bike at night without a light, then having the gall to become indignant when cars almost run them over.

For all the bad cyclists out there, please note that it's not only dangerous when you break laws and ride so recklessly. It's also the

height of rudeness. Yes, cars are bigger and can kill you. That doesn't mean you get to treat their drivers with utter disrespect. At the very least, you're causing unnecessary stress in another human being who's just trying to legally get through the day. You're also contributing to a destructive dynamic between drivers and riders. At the very worst, you're risking not only your own injury or death, but the likelihood of ruining another person's entire life if they end up injuring or killing you through no fault of their own.

If you get caught on your bike at night without a light, take side streets with no traffic. If a car approaches, stop or ride slowly on the sidewalk if there are ZERO pedestrians around. If there's no way to avoid traffic, get off your bike and walk it home.

Basically, do not make yourself both invisible and obnoxious whilst riding at night. It's the polite thing to do.

Need advice?
Email Ellen:
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VICKY MOCHAMA

Can we really trust the cartoons trying to breach our borders?

For \$345 million US, Canadian company DHX Media bought iconic cartoons Peanuts and Strawberry Shortcake. While some have suggested the cartoon children's exodus is related to Trump, that's purely coincidental.

But there is reason to believe their application for Canadian citizenship may be fraudulent. While only adults face formal interviews, Charlie Brown and Strawberry Shortcake are suspect.

Although Mr. Brown is nearly 69 years old and Ms. Shortcake is 38, they claim to be eight and six. On these grounds, immigration officials sat down with the applicants. Here is a snippet of the conversation:

Interviewer: What are your reasons for moving to Canada?

C. Brown: It can be hard for a bald kid to make it in America. In Canada, anyone can kick a football or fly a kite.

Interviewer: What do you say to reports that you are being paid to move here?

S. Shortcake: That is berry much none of your business!

Interviewer: Have you ever been affiliated with any terrorist or secessionist groups?

C. Brown: To some, Linus' obsession with the Great Pumpkin might come off as fundamentalist in nature, but I assure you it's a childish obsession.

Interviewer: What is the nature of your relationship?

S. Shortcake: Let's just say someone is berry into girls

with red hair.

Interviewer: How much do you know about Canadian history?

C. Brown: Mrs. Othmar may have mentioned something, but she's so difficult to hear.

Interviewer: How do you plan to support yourself while in Canada?

C. Brown: I have decades of experience as a baseball team manager. I'll be consulting for the Toronto Blue Jays.

Interviewer: One of your co-applicants, a Ms. Lucy van Pelt, says the team only wins when you're not there?

C. Brown: Yes, the team has asked that I not attend any games.

Interviewer: And you, Ms. Shortcake?

S. Shortcake: There's a berry big opportunity in the strawberry industry! Canadian strawberry production has decreased but domestic consumption has increased! Imports are berry big business!

Interviewer: Do you have any friends or family in Canada who will be helping you settle in?

C. Brown: My good friend Caillou has kindly offered us a place to stay.

S. Shortcake: We'll see about that. No one likes him. Even you don't like him.

File notes: Both applicants were unwilling to confirm their ages. Mr. Brown insisted they are simply "mature for our age."

Since they appear to be children, however, their application is approved.

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The appeal of Brigitte Macron

CULTURE

Why France's new first lady will be unlike any other in country's history

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When it comes to the appeal of Brigitte Macron, the new first lady of France, North Americans just don't get it.

That's according to Thomas Gallezot, who organized president-elect Emmanuel Macron's campaign in Ontario and Manitoba. (France, uniquely, divides the whole world up into ridings and elects MPs to represent expatriates).

Macron, 39, and his 64-year-old wife are subjects of great fascination in France, where the country's youngest postwar leader was inaugurated Sunday amid much pomp and ceremony.

But the attention that has focused on the new first couple at home is not what one would expect, Gallezot said.

Over the course of the campaign, Brigitte Macron "shifted from a liability to an asset," he said. "She's incredibly loveable, with incredible grace... in my mind it's very similar to the Obama couple."

Like Obama, Macron inspires respect and admiration even from people who disagree with him politically, Gallezot said — and that's thanks to his wife.

The Macrons' unabashed affection for one another makes people think, "This president is probably a good per-

son, because he succeeded in building this couple," he said.

It's well known in political circles, he added, that Brigitte is easier to approach than Macron — her interpersonal skills are just better.

"She's very confident in who she is, doesn't need to prove anything, perhaps because she never had to struggle. She came from a rich family," Gallezot said.

Brigitte Macron appears ready to become a first lady unlike France has ever had. Her involvement in the campaign as a "great political mind" in her own right is a "game changer" in France, Gallezot said, but what's even more unusual in French political culture is the fact that she and Macron have no children together and never planned to do so.

"It's a shocker for people, for him to not have children with this woman from the get-go," he said.

What isn't so shocking in France, Gallezot said, is the couple's age difference. The couple first met when Macron was just 15 and Brigitte, then a married mother of three, was his drama coach.

It seems tawdry to North American sensibilities, but "it's not such a big deal," Gallezot said. "(In North America), the teacher is really an authority. It's different in France, especially in a bourgeois town like theirs. I cannot count the

number of French movies where the teacher has a love affair with a young student."

That's not to say Brigitte escaped misogynistic abuse from the media and the French public, Gallezot added, citing a cartoon in the far-left magazine Charlie Hebdo that pictured Macron with a very pregnant Brigitte and the caption, "He will make miracles!"

Susan Prentice, a sociology professor at the University of Manitoba, points out that the couple's age difference is the same as that of Donald and Melania Trump.

"The interest in the age difference between Macron and Brigitte is pure evidence of an enduring double standard," Prentice said in an email.

Despite this and other gossip and conspiracy theories — like one suggesting that he is gay and Brigitte is his cover, which Macron condemned for being the result of "rampant homophobia" — Gallezot believes Brigitte's charisma played an important role in attracting voters to Macron's party, En Marche, and ultimately swinging the election in his favour.

That was especially true in Canada, where French voters were already disposed to like Macron because of his pro-European, centrist views — a huge contrast with his far-right, anti-immigrant opponent Marine Le Pen, who was extremely alarming to the emigrant community living abroad.

"The media uses the term cougar to refer to Brigitte. It's not fitting to her at all. It means predator. She's the contrary of a predator. Everyone comes to her."



Brigitte Macron gestures to crowds Sunday at the Elysee Palace to attend her husband Emmanuel's formal inauguration ceremony as French President. GETTY IMAGES



She's the contrary of predator. Everyone comes to her.

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Manitoba farmer Bruce Dalgarno is pumped. He's preparing to plant a whopping 485 hectares of canola — the crop that turns fields a brilliant yellow — on his farm, an hour north of Brandon.

His crop will cover the equivalent of about 900 football fields. That's a lot of canola.

However, it's a relatively tiny portion of the crop — one football field's worth, perhaps — that has him the most excited. That's the part he'll dedicate to helping advance a new cold-pressed, premium canola oil initiative called XV Canola (XV means extra virgin).

It's designed to distinguish canola oil from his farm and others in his immediate region, from canola grown elsewhere in the province.

And all this is made possible, says Dalgarno, because heart-healthy canola has been found to have its own terroir.

"It's exciting," says the farmer. "If consumers want a distinct canola, we can deliver a terroir product."

Really? A terroir, like wine, coffee and chocolate...from the canola fields of Manitoba? It's true.

Terroir is the way the geography, geology and climate of a location interact with plant genetics. The mingling results in distinct biochemistry and characteristics, especially taste and colour.

Terroir is the talk of cocktail parties. It's usually the domain of high-value food



Bruce Dalgarno (right) is one Manitoba farmer who is preparing to make premium canola oil with a terroir designation. TOP PHOTO: ISTOCK; OTHER PHOTOS: SHANNON VANRAES/FOR METRO



THE FUTURE of FARMING

Canola: a truly Canadian crop

Canola was developed in Winnipeg in the early 1970s, by researchers at Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada and the University of Manitoba. Its name combines the words "Canada" and "oil." Canola has caught on with farmers and consumers. Canada's canola industry adds more than \$26 billion in economic activity to the Canadian economy.

The biotech connection

Canola was developed using traditional plant breeding techniques. Over time, though, canola was altered using biotechnology, so farmers wouldn't have to spray as much herbicide (to kill weeds). It's the canola plants that are modified, not the oil. Canola oil from the herbicide-tolerant plants is not genetically modified.

and beverages, not a widely grown commodity like canola.

But Ellen Pruden, director of the Canola Eat Well program for the Manitoba Canola Growers Association, had a hunch that the oilseed would

present different characteristics depending on where it was grown.

Plus, she thought a terroir label might help personalize canola, and help it capitalize on the local, authentic food

movement.

So she and her colleagues at the association worked with food innovation company NuEats, the commercialization arm of the Manitoba Agri-Health Research Network, to take the idea of canola terroir for a test drive.

They gathered canola from farmers in three different areas of the province, about 400 km. from each other. They had it cold-pressed into high-quality oil, and ran it by 12 taste testers, including experienced chefs and culinary teachers.

The results were clear.

Oil from Dalgarno's farm, furthest west of the lot, was bright yellow and had a nutty aroma. Oil from the north was more orange, and had what Pruden describes as "grassy notes."



And finally, oil from the Winnipeg area had a strongly intense fresh canola aroma and flavour, owing perhaps to the



FARM links

More on canola oil and its uses online

What is canola, anyway?

canolacouncil.org/oil-and-meal/what-is-canola

Where to buy X V (extra virgin) Canola

xvcanolaoil.com

Power Bowl Recipe

Canola oil may be used in a number of tasty dishes. One of Pruden's favourites is this Green Goddess Power Bowl Recipe: canolaeatwell.com/recipe/green-goddess-power-bowl

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soil's high iron content.

Vive la difference! said the canola association. And it proceeded to bottle the oil in 500 ml and 250 ml containers (as well as four-litre jugs for the foodservice sector) and sell it online, where consumers gobbled it up.

Buoyed by this initial reception, 17 canola farmers, including Dalgarno, are joining forces this year to create a company that will sell terroir canola by three newly named areas: Northern Lights (the north), Big Prairie Sky (central) and Heartland (south).

Prices haven't been firmed up, but it's expected to fetch farmers up to 20 times the price of regular canola oil.

No wonder farmer Dalgarno is excited.

Owen Roberts is an agricultural journalist at the University of Guelph. Follow him on Twitter at @TheUrbanCowboy.



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Wolverine is one of us

Sean Plummer

Though he was conceived at Marvel's New York headquarters, comic-book and Hollywood anti-hero Wolverine is a Canadian legend.

Portrayed by Australian actor Hugh Jackman in the various X-Men movies (including the apparently final one, *Logan*, released this past March), the X-Man with the adamantium claws and affection for flannel is a rough-and-tumble Albertan more at home in the Canadian Rockies than fighting super-villains.

Wolverine started as a non-descript character introduced in the final panel of 1974's *Incredible Hulk* No. 180. It wasn't until British-Canadian artist John Byrne took charge that he became the sullen badass he is.

Born James Howlett in the late 1880s in Cold Lake, Alberta, the future X-Man discovered his mutant abilities (retractable claws, a healing factor that makes him virtually immortal) after a tragic accident. Indeed, tragedy defines Logan, making him a Canadian in touch with both his inner hockey goon and his inner Leonard Cohen.



The future Wolverine was born as James Howlett in Cold Lake, Alberta. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE PHOTO

Our currents are very strong

The five-kilometre stretch of water known as Seymour Narrows is one of the most powerful in the world.

Located along B.C.'s Discovery Passage, Seymour Narrows was for centuries a sailor's nightmare thanks to some of the world's strongest currents and Ripple Rock, a twin-peaked underground mountain that was hellish to navigate.

The mountain was levelled in 1958, though the currents continue to challenge boaters and thrill-seekers.

SEAN PLUMMER



The Seymour Narrows in B.C. are one of the most powerful narrows in the world.

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Boldly go to Alberta

Given that it was incorporated in 1921, Vulcan, Alberta, wasn't named for Mr. Spock. It was named for Vulcan, the Roman god of fire, rather than Leonard Nimoy's highly logical Star Trek character. But the tiny

town has capitalized on the connection, making Star Trek-related tourism a key local industry. This includes a giant replica of the USS Enterprise and a Star Trek convention each July called Vul-Con. SEAN PLUMMER

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"He's looking like the man": Dana White after Stipe Miocic defended his heavyweight title with a first-round TKO of Junior Dos Santos at UFC 211

NBL CANADA PLAYOFFS STORM TOO STRONG FOR HURRICANES IN GAME 1

A.J. Stewart of the Island Storm throws down a dunk against the Halifax Hurricanes' Joey Haywood, left, and Anthony Cox during Game 1 of their best-of-seven NBL Canada Atlantic Conference final on Sunday afternoon at Scotiabank Centre. The Storm took the opener 119-115. Game 2 goes Tuesday night in Halifax at 7 p.m.

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GAME 1 In Halifax



Ryan saving face as Senators' OT hero

NHL PLAYOFFS

Murray Pam
FOR METRO



When Bobby Ryan raised his arms in jubilation after scoring his game-winning overtime goal Saturday, there was a sense of a giant weight being lifted off his shoulders.

Ryan's season didn't go as planned. Production-wise, 25 points in 62 games was his worst statistically since becoming a full-time NHLer with the Ducks in 2008-09.

But for this one moment in time, the 30-year-old's memory of an underwhelming regular season came to a sudden halt. Ryan corralled linemate Jean-Gabriel Pageau's chip up the right side boards, outmuscled Penguins defence-man Olli Maatta at centre ice, then outskated him to the net, depositing the puck over netminder Marc-Andre Fleury.

Ryan's marker put the Senators in the driver's seat,

giving them a 1-0 Eastern Conference final series lead over the heavily favoured Penguins. More importantly, the victory takes away Pittsburgh's home-ice advantage.

During the post-game availability Senators coach Guy Boucher intimated Ryan had a tough year on a personal level.

His off-season was bitter-sweet, Ryan's wife, Danielle gave birth to their first child, daughter Riley. Just weeks later in July, his mother, Melody succumbed to cancer.

Melody was Ryan's protector during his childhood and adolescence. In a much-documented story, the Ryans, then known as the Stevensons, evaded U.S. Marshals for several years while

the family lived in anonymity. Dad Bob was wanted on several charges including the attempted murder of Melody.

The Stevensons stuck together for her son's sake until Bob's arrest. Afterwards, Melody did everything possible to further Bobby's talented career.

Ryan was never right during the 2016-17 campaign. There was a four-game goal streak in December. However, the 2005 second overall draft selection suffered bouts of inconsistency. He was shifted from line to line, never finding a comfort level.

Ryan also attempted to play through a right finger injury that originally occurred Nov. 19. The index finger never

truly healed. After possibly making it worse almost three months to the day, he was shut down for 11 games.

Upon his return, Boucher saddled the six-foot-two, 204-pounder alongside Pageau in a checking role. Boucher said Ryan performed admirably but wasn't having any puck luck. However, prior to scoring in the Sens' final contest of the regular season, he had failed to notch a point in 12 games.

On Saturday, Ryan became the first Senator to score two OT game-winners in one playoff year. Noting the post-season is a "refresh" and relishing the opportunity to "redeem" himself, Ryan is finally in the right frame of mind. Deleting his primary Twitter account in March likely contributed to a better overall focus, too.

Compiling 11 points in 13 playoff games, second only to Erik Karlsson's 13 points, Ryan has silenced detractors and Senators fans are appreciative of that.



It felt great, obviously, to come through in an important and crucial moment.

Bobby Ryan

NBA PLAYOFFS

Warriors rally to take series opener

Stephen Curry scored 40 points and hit a tying three-pointer with 1:48 remaining, and the Golden State Warriors rallied from way down after Kawhi Leonard was lost to an ankle injury to beat the San Antonio Spurs 113-111 on Sunday in Game 1 of the Western Conference final.

Draymond Green gave Golden State the lead for good on a three-point play after the Warriors trailed by as many as 25 points.

Leonard left in the third quarter after he re-injured his left ankle, and the Warriors capitalized with an 18-0 run.

Kevin Durant scored 10 straight points during a key fourth-quarter stretch on the way to 34 points.

GAME 1 In Oakland



Leonard had 26 points and eight rebounds. LaMarcus Aldridge delivered another clutch playoff performance with 28 points and eight boards.

Game 2 in the series is Tuesday night back at Oracle Arena.

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PGA TOUR

Young champion emerges at Players



Si Woo Kim played his final 20 holes of the Players Championship without a bogey. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Si Woo Kim became the youngest winner of The Players Championship with a game and nerves well beyond his 21 years.

Kim was nearly flawless Sunday on the TPC Sawgrass, closing with a 3-under 69 with no bogeys on his card for a three-shot victory in golf's biggest tournament this side of the major championships.

The South Korean gets \$1.89 million for his second PGA Tour victory and a three-year exemption to the Masters.

Ian Poulter and Louis Oosthuizen tied for second.

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IN BRIEF

Pillar leads Jays in capping 4-game sweep of Mariners

Kevin Pillar hit a walkoff home run in the bottom of the ninth inning to lift the Blue Jays over the Seattle Mariners 3-2 on Sunday for Toronto's fifth consecutive win.

Pillar came to the plate with two outs and the game seemingly headed to extra innings but the American League's hits leader brought the 42,030 in attendance at Rogers Centre to their feet with a line drive to left-centre field.

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Tottenham closes out White Hart Lane in style

Tottenham fans flooded onto the pitch after a 2-1 victory over Manchester United in the final game at White Hart Lane secured second place in the Premier League and the team's highest finish in 54 years.

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- pinch allspice
- pinch salt

- raspberries
- slivered almonds
- **Optional extras:** chia, flax meal, hemp heart seeds, bee pollen, walnuts, slivered almonds, pecans, pumpkin seeds, sunflower seeds or even nut butters

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1. In mixing bowl, whisk almond milk and Greek yogurt. Add blueberries, oats, chia, maple syrup, extract, allspice and salt and mix.

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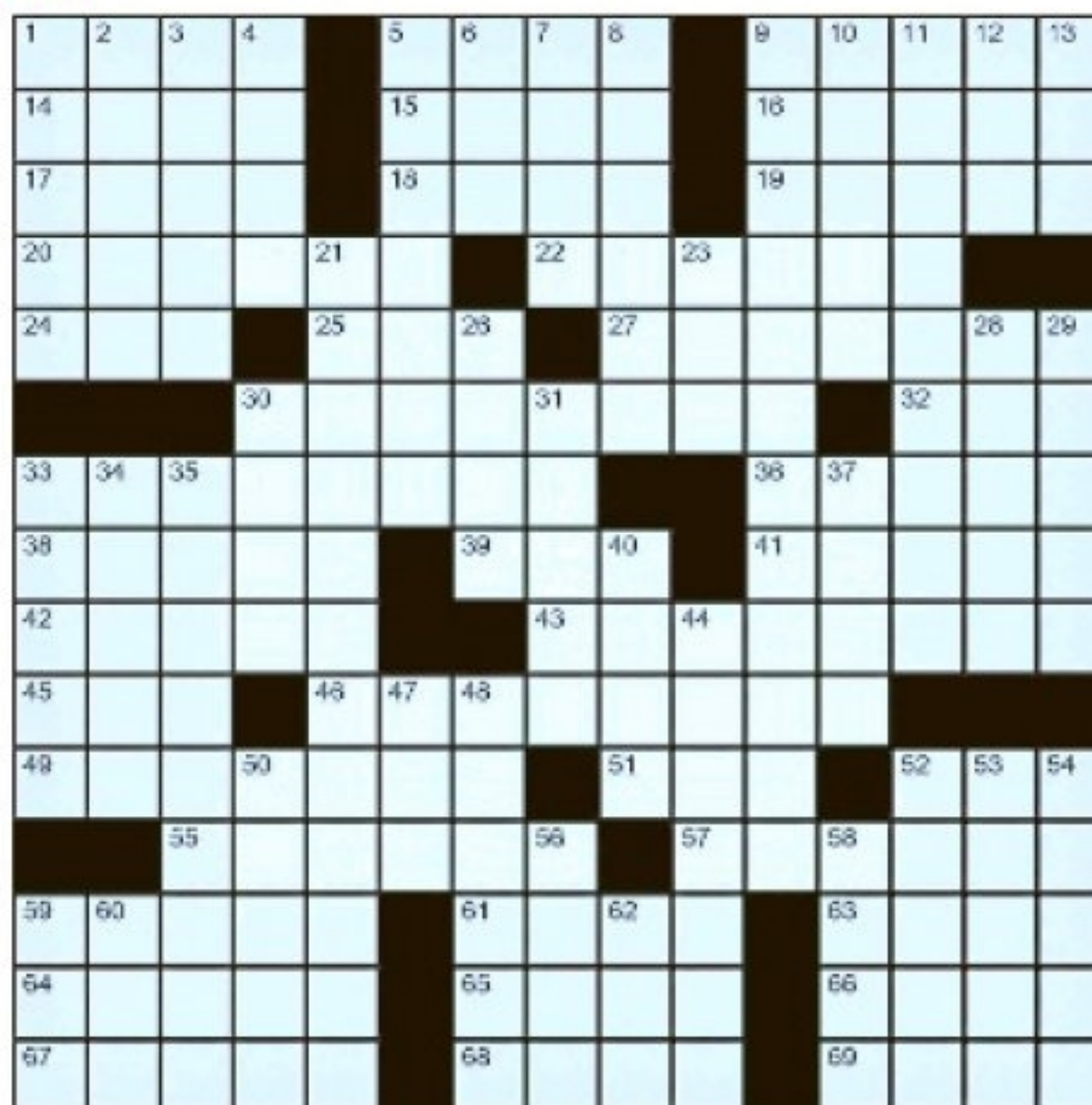
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* IT'S ALL IN THE STARS Your daily horoscope by Francis Drake

Aries March 21 - April 20
You are giving a lot of thought to your earnings and cash flow at this time. But at a deeper level, you're wondering about your values in life. In other words, what really matters?

Taurus April 21 - May 21
You are empowered now because the Sun is in your sign. This happens only once a year for four weeks. Use this to your advantage!

Gemini May 22 - June 21
This is the time to think about your personal new year, which will begin on your birthday. How do you want your new year to be different from this year? Think about this.

Cancer June 22 - July 23
This is a good time to think about your long-term goals. If you share your hopes and dreams for the future with someone else, his or her feedback might help you.

Leo July 24 - Aug. 23
You look good in the eyes of others right now because the Sun is at the top of your chart. Make the most of this and demand the advantage!

Virgo Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
Grab every opportunity that comes your way to travel or explore further education today, because you want to expand your world. You want adventure and new knowledge.

Libra Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
Life is quite intense right now, which is why your response to everyone and everything also is intense. This passionate time will last for another week.

Scorpio Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
Acknowledge the fact that you need more sleep now. Get more rest and respect this. Take care of yourself.

Sagittarius Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
Because you are keen to get better organized at this time, give yourself the right tools to do a good job. Buy shelving, labels, cleaning equipment, paint — whatever you need.

Capricorn Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
This is a playful, romantic and creative time for your sign. Use it to enjoy vacations, romantic interludes with others and fun activities with children.

Aquarius Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
It's totally appropriate to put home, family and your private life first right now. For the next week, this will be your top priority. A conversation with a parent might be important.

Pisces Feb. 20 - March 20
Your days are fast-paced, and you're also full of bright, clever ideas. Just go with the flow and enjoy visiting friends, a busy schedule and interesting short trips.

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